

U. S. ARMY OF JOB HUNTERS MOVES SWIFTLY ON CAPITAL

In Its Ranks Are Many Women Whose Lighter Steps Are Expected to Mingle With the Tramp, Tramp, Tramp of the Old Brigade

From a Staff Correspondent
Washington, Nov. 17. — "We are coming, Father Gamaliel, 50,000 strong."
If not to "Father Gamaliel," the song of the 1920 patronage army may be addressed to "Uncle Warren," a title bestowed at Marion, O. But regardless of its dedication, the song will be the same. It will relate to jobs, jobs and more jobs, with a few positions and some special honors and honorariums thrown in for good measure.

Years ago the song was: "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp, the Boys Are Marching." That still holds good. Only this year there will be lighter footsteps to keep pace with the heavy tread of the boys of the old brigade. Some fifteen or twenty million women and girls voted or might have voted—in this recent election. Judging from the returns, all but one or two of them voted for Warren Gamaliel Harding. And if they are in politics, several million of the female of the species are in what might be termed an expectant if not expectant frame of mind.

First Applicant Registers Early

Hardy was the ink dry on the last city editions of the morning newspaper of November 3—announcing the Harding tidal wave—when the first job hunter to register officially in this haven of jobs appeared at the United States House of Representatives. He walked nonchalantly into the office of the sergeant-at-arms of the House of Representatives, presided over, as it so happens, by a Pennsylvaniaan, Joseph D. Rodgers. It is not recorded that Mr. Rodgers was present. If he had been, the visitor, not being a Pennsylvaniaan and owing no special allegiance to the State Senator, might have been invited to shut the door from the outside. But at any rate—

"This looks like a pretty good place," the visitor opined, admiring the frescos and the atmosphere of leisure observability in all directions. "Are there any jobs here?"

"Jobs!" indignantly exclaimed the second assistant cashier, "what do you mean—jobs?"

"Why, ain't you follows all Demoscrats?"

"No, we're not," was the reply. "But what's that got to do with it?"

"Why," elucidated the visitor, "I'm a Republican, an' Harding has won, an' here I am—I want a job."

It took the sergeant-at-arms' force a minute or two to recover from the shock. Finally one of them explained, quite gently, that President-elect Harding was not President Harding as yet; that the employers in the sergeant-at-arms' office are Republicans anyway, and that it wasn't likely, etc., etc., etc., but if the visitor would care to leave his name and address, they would notify him if anything turned up, etc., etc.

He did. His name doesn't matter, but he came from the congressional district of Representative Frederick C. Hicks, of New York, which may or may not be significant.

More Jobs Than Ever Before

There is this about the new army, too. It won't be a draft army. Not a conscription of jobs. They're all volunteers, and the boys from up-country do say so. How salientments are increasing tremendously.

This is logical, too, for there are more Republicans and more jobs than there ever were before, and these two facts in combination promise a puzzle that will keep somebody, or perhaps several persons, busy for some time.

To begin: There is the cabinet. Like Massachusetts, "these are the stands!" Ten good jobs, paying \$12,000 and a lot of criticism each year, both salaries and criticisms guaranteed for four years, to say nothing of getting one's name in "Who's Who" and "Who's Not," at \$5 per throw, and in the "Blue Book of Blue Bloods" for the price of a single volume. Any cabinet member will tell you it's worth the gaff. You can stand a lot of criticism for \$12,000 per year and a place in history—if you're lucky.

Civil Service Rampart for Many

Most of the jobs in Washington are protected by civil service. They, however, are the minor jobs—the clerkships that nobody wanted in the era of inflation which preceded the return to normalcy. Whether they will be more popular hereafter makes little difference. They can't be had because the incumbents can't be removed except on charges. That is another detail also, for most of the thousands of clerks, having come from northern states, are Republicans anyway and therefore doubly sure of their jobs.

But the chief clerkships, the bureau heads, the assistant bureau chiefs, the assistant secretaries of this and that, the commissioners and assistant commissioners, the fourth assistant postmaster general and the fifth assistant attorney general and all the other chiefs and sub-chiefs of all the executive departments—numbering hundreds, at least—are political appointees and subject to replacement by victorious Republicans at the first opportunity.

Outside of Washington are all the United States marshals, collectors of internal revenue, customs appraisers, thousands of deputies and clerks—none under civil service, and all forming part of the spoils of politics. Literally, there are millions of dollars' worth of jobs in the country at large to be distributed to many more millions of job hunters.

Diplomatic Plums Sought

In the diplomatic service some dozen ambassadors and thirty-odd ministers (not necessarily gradates of any theological seminary) are to be appointed by the incoming administration. There is something about an ambassadorship that appeals to individuals of a certain pomposity more than any other political honor within the gift of the party. Usually these plums go to the heavy contributors to the campaign fund or others who have rendered conspicuous service to the party ever and above the call of duty. The ministers are frequently millionaires, authors and other persons of distinction. The diplomatic set is an envied set. And so many men have daughters just growing up, to whom residence abroad would be a liberal education. There are many more such individuals, as a matter of fact, than there are jobs in the diplomatic service.

Should President Harding revoke the executive orders placing first, second and third class postmasters under civil service, that would open up another huge list of appointments—but not so many as there are applicants.

There is one salience to the situation: There are few lame ducks this year. A lame duck, officially, is a member of Congress who has fought the good fight and been defeated. These individuals always are taken care of with good federal jobs when an administration of the same party comes into power. This year, however, every Republican who ran for anything from Congress to constable seems to have been elected by an unprecedented plurality.

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Washington, Nov. 17.—All outstanding government liquor permits issued prior to January 17 will expire automatically December 31, and applications for renewal must be filed by December 1 under regulations issued by W. M. Williams, commissioner of internal revenue.

Officials of the revenue bureau explained the effect of the regulations would make the life of liquor permits one year instead of indefinite as heretofore. Permits covered by the regulations include those for the manufacture, sale, barter, transportation, importation, exportation, delivery, furnishing, possession and use of liquor. Permits for the purchase of liquor will continue to run thirty days.

Bernstorff to Entreat League

Geneva, Nov. 17.—Count von Bernstorff, former German ambassador to the United States, is reported to be due here at an early date. He is to act on behalf of the German League of Nations Union, which is desirous of Nations men entering the League of Nations.

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